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A LETTER WRITTEN BY ROSCOE PULASKI COPELAND TO HIS CHILDREN, CORNELIA AND ROYAL S. COPELAND
(Part One)

Transcribed by Jane Nye and Susan Hickey

Editorial Note: Roscoe P. Copeland was born in Dexter, Maine. He moved with his family to Michigan in 1847. They lived in Stoney Creek, Oakland County and Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The letter is to his children, Cornelia, a school teacher and later a gallery owner and artist in Dexter, Michigan, and Royal Samuel Copeland, M.D. and U.S. Senator from New York. Copies of the Copeland Letters can be found at the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum, Dexter, Michigan.

Spelling and punctuation have been transcribed as they appear in the original; brackets have been used only for clarification.

March 6, 1926

To Nellie & Roy, a few things I have been told & some things that I have experienced. I will try to relate. I have been told that our ancestors came from England in 1670 and settled in Mass. In 1775 my grandfather [*Samuel Copeland*] was living in Washington, New Hamp[*shire*] & was a soldier in the Revolution War & in 1803 Grandfather & several of his neighbors– Capt. Sprague, ---French, Mr Gumpr one or two others moved to Dexter Maine & settled on Government land about two miles east of Dexter Village [*Maine*]. Grandfather had a family of six sons & three daughters & father [*Royal Copeland*] was next to the youngest. He was born in 1791 so he was about 12 years old when they moved from New Hamp & the youngest son Calvin was 10 yrs. old. And there in the woods & hills commenced to clear off the old farm in Dexter, Maine. When my father was 21 years old he started out to seek a fortune for himself. He went down to Wiscassett [*Maine*]. The first job he got was up on one of the rivers to cut marsh hay & when he had finished that job he hired out to a farmer near the river by the name of Joseph Tarr & Mrs Tarr had a niece living with her by the name of Alice Davis a girl 16 years old & her parents were dead. She was a strong husky girl could climb a tree & ride horse back & my father fell in love with the girl & married her & had son born in 1813 that was named Joseph Tarr Copeland & was the beginning of a family of seven sons & four daughters & I was the youngest born March 6 1838.

Father & Mother stayed with Mr & Mrs Tarr until they died & then moved to the old farm in Dexter [*Maine*] & took care of fathers parents until they died. After Fathers parents died he built a saw mill & house about two miles from the old farm & lived there a few years & there is where I was born. Then they moved back on the old farm & built a new house. I can remember a little about the old house. It had a tub of water that was piped from a spring in the wood lot & we had a little brook trout in the tub of water. Capt Sprague was our next neighbor & he used to come over evenings & tell stories & hold me on his knee & when he went home he always took a pail of water from the tub. I remember one night he got the little trout in his pail & brought it back the next night. I cannot remember the business of building the new house on the farm. I remember the moving of the wing part – that enclosed the kitchen and living room from the old house. And it was quite a show as the neighbors came with their ox teams to help draw the building up to the new house. The first thing I can remember about the new house was that Mother had a flower bed in front of the house. I was out one day and sat down on the flowers & Mother ran out and picked me up & pleased me so that every time I had a chance I would sit on the flowers so she would run and pick me up. Mother was a great lover of flowers and always had to have them indoors and outdoors wherever she lived.

The first I can remember about our family was [*brothers*] Alpheus, Daniel & Edwin were at home & Franklin was in the village to work in

a wooling factory. Samuel was buying horses and shipping them to Canada. I kept teasing him to ride one down to the creek to water & one day he put me on one of the horses. The horse went down the hill pretty fast & when he got to the creek & put down his head to drink, I slid over his neck into the water.

My next recollection of Samuel was he kept a store in the Village. A little incident makes me remember about his store. Cousin Annabelle Copeland was helping Mrs Sprague. I wanted Mother let me go see her. She put on a clean apron but I had an old fur cap of fathers. When I got to the house I saw Annabelle sitting by the window sewing. I walked by the house several times so she would see me & invite me in but she did not see me. I did not dare rap on the door for us boys were all afraid of Mrs. Sprague. So I walked home & down to creek & while I was there Hiram Suffard came up from the south road with a load of lumber & tan bark for the tannery in the Village. I told him that father & brother Ed had gone up to the Village in a cutter & I wanted to go. All right he says & put me up on top of the tan bark. When we get in front of Saml store he let me off & the first one I saw was brother Ed standing on the side walk. When he saw me he says to me Where in thunder you come from with that nice old cap on your head. I went into the store. Brother Saml says well well how did you get here. When I told him he said all right – go behind the counter and fill your pockets full of raisins.

That was my first trip to the west. Joseph had been married several years to a nice girl that was living at Squire Frenchs. A girl I was told that Mr & Mrs F wanted their son to marry but Joseph cut him out. The first I can remember of Joseph family they were living at the mill house. Fred was one year older than me & Florence one year younger & Agness three years. They were my early play mates. Sister Emaline was married to David Burton about the same time as Joseph was. Elizabeth Burton was about one older than I & Edwin one younger. Then Anne, Augustus, Frances, Frank, Fred, Caroline the youngest sister.

Alice was married four years later. Her husband did not live very long and after her husband died she taught school for several years and then married Dr. Wilson who lived near Orchard Lake Oakland Co [*Michigan*]. She died at the birth of Nellie about 1856. Samuel married a lady in Saganaw [*Michigan*] & then [*had a*] family of three sons.

Franklin was married 1846 to Caroline Russ & had one daughter Flors & one son Stanley. Edwin was married in 1847 to Mary Taylor, Stoney Creek, Mich. Had 4 sons, Herbert, Ernest, Cecil & Clyde. Between Edwins birth & Daniel Sisters Elizabeth & --- died at the age of ---.

Daniel was married 1858 Mayville Mich. had one daughter Alice. Alpheus married 1856 Stoney Creek, Mich. had one daughter Dellreece. Roscoe [*the writer of this letter*] married March 6 1862 to Frances Holmes, Scio, Mich. Had one daughter Cornelia & one son died at birth & Royal S. This is a little sketch of our family history.

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The first school I remember attending was an old log school house. It was in the woods by a little brook between Mr Frenchs Farm & the four corners. The new school that I attended was south of the four corners. I can remember the first day I went to school when the teacher called me to his chair to see if I knew the letters. When I think back to some of the old teachers, think some of them hardly knew their letters.

Uncle Calvins youngest son was about the only boy in our neighborhood that was about my age. We used to play together, ride broom sticks for horses. In the winter we had great deal of snow. The farmers had to turn out with their oxen & blade to keep the roads broke. For fun the boys would ride on the sleds, but it was not all fun for the farmers, winter or summer on the farm in Maine.

My mother did a great deal to bring up the family. At the loom she made a large amount of

the cloth the boys wore & she went to Bangor [*Maine*] with some of the linins & stockings she made & exchanged for things one could not make. I remember Father & Mother coming home one evening & they brought home a geography book to us three younger boys. Hannah Burton was making Hasty pudding in a kettle hanging on a crane in the fireplace & we were looking over our books by the light of tallow candles. Hannah would stir the pudding, step back, look at the book & stir again. I have my old book today. Hannah Burton was a daughter of Davids first wife.

Father had six brothers: Isaac, Raymond, --- Nathanal, Chauncy, Colvin – two sisters: Aunt Dinsmere & Aunt Beal. They all lived near the old farm until 1834 when Uncle Chauncy went to Mich with his own team in a covered wagon & settled on a farm at Stoney Creek [*Oakland County, Michigan*]. His wife died when young Chauncy was a small boy. Then Uncle married the widder Taylor. Uncle had three children. Mrs. Taylor had four girls. Broth. Edwin went to Stoney Creek in 1845. In the spring of 1847 Uncle Chauncy came to Maine to get father to come to Mich.

Father & Mother thought they had better go. Joseph went before Edwin & settled in St. Clare [*St. Clair County, Michigan*] & was elected probate judge. The whole family had the Western fever. So father & uncle went to work making crates and trunks to pack the goods in. Some of the crates and trunks are in the barn at Dexter [*Michigan*]. About the last of May we started. Had to take the household goods to Bangor to ship them. Uncle Raymond took the family in a lumber wagon to Waterville on the Kennebec River. We stopped at a hotel & the landlord turned out to be a man father knew. He had a hard time to get a place for us all to sleep. This landlord was building a mill & in the morning a man came in and told him the frame of the mill had fallen down. The landlord started on a run. On the way he was saying "hope nobody hurt" & when he got there the frame was flat on the ground & on the way back he was saying "I wish it had killed everybody."

From Waterville we went down the Kennebec River in a ---- boat to Portland & from there to Boston by boat. When we landed at Boston I saw the first Negro. He had a candy shop. He saw that I was looking at him all the time. He picked up a knife & stooped towards me to see how I run. I heard the negro laugh.

We stopped one day in Boston to see some cousins. Then from Boston to Albany by railroad. From Albany to Buffalo on the Erie Canal by line boat drawn by horses & boys had to ride the horses. We were about fourteen days on the boat. We cooked our own meals. It was pretty slow traveling. From Buffalo to Detroit by steam boat. Arrived in Detroit the 3rd of July 1847 & stopped at Farmers Hotel on the corner of Grandriver St & Woodward. It is used now for a dry goods store. The next day July 4th we went to Stoney Creek in lumber wagon and met Edwin & Mary. They were married while Uncle Chauncey was in Maine. For a day or two we went to St. Clare to visit Broth. Joseph & had a fine time. While there went swimming in the river with Fred. With a few days visit went back to Stoney Creek.

Father had inquired for a farm that he could rent. They were hard to find that time of the year – little late. At last he rented a farm 4 miles west of Pontiac. It was called the George Washington Williams Farm. That was not his right name. He had left a wife & daughter in New York and came to Mich. and changed his name & married again. He had two boys about my age and they were living in the basement of the house when father rented the farm, so we got well acquainted with the family. His first wife had found out where he was & came to Mich. & was living in a little house north of the farm.

The next year we moved on to a farm he thought he could buy. It was about two miles from Williams farm. The buildings consisted of a log house & a log barn. When us boys went to bed overhead we had to climb up a ladder thru a trap door. The summer we were there we all had the ague. Sometimes the whole family would be in bed but Mother. She did not have the ague

until we moved to Webster [*Township, Washtenaw County*] & it was very fortunate that she kept so well for I do not know what we would have done if she had been sick.

The farm had a lake on the northwest & south. I had to go to school through the woods between two lakes, up a long hill to the school house near the Williams farm, where I had been while we were on the Williams farm. I remember one week that summer when school let out at noon I felt a chill coming on & I would start for home & before getting home the chill would be gone & the fever would be on. I would seem as if I would never get home & Mother would hear me yelling. I would eat a good supper before I went to bed & next morning feel as well as ever. Then I would go to school again the next day & be all right, but the second day I would have chills & a fever again. I felt so well the day I was bound to go to school. I remember keeping that up for one week.

After a while we get some Sappenten pills & two or three would break the chills. Maybe would go a week or ten days before we had another. At that time we did not know Quinine was the remedy. The pills were made of ---- ---- & ½ grain of Quinine. After we went through those chills & fever years & found out that the quinine was the remedy I have heard Mother say if she had known about the remedy she would have bought a half a pound if they had to sell the last cow.

The summer I went to Williams school house I went alone, but all three of us boys: Daniel, Alpheus & myself went to a school about two miles east of the farm. All the way through the woods. It was a big log school house with seats made of slabs & one desk was next to the wall a board on ---- sturdy in the legs. So our backs were to the teacher most of the time. That was an old timer of Oakland Co Mich. This was winter of 48/49.

Father & Mother concluded it was too sickly a place to live so in the spring 1849 we moved to Rochester [*Oakland County, Michigan*] & lived there that summer. That fall we moved to Stoney Creek and that winter was when I got well acquainted with the people of Stoney Creek. Jenny [*and*] Chauncey Copeland about my age, Julia Taylor, Eliza Jones whom Alpheus married, Joshua Van Husen who married a Taylor. There was a Taylor that bought a hotel, uncle of the Taylor family.

At that time Stoney Creek was quite a village. Grist Mill, saw mill, store, a rug weaver, good school, etc. Father got acquainted with a man in Stoney Creek who had 280 acres of land 14 miles south of Kalamazoo that he would sell for twelve hundred dollars, so father concluded to buy it. So they shipped their house hold goods & covered the wagon & tied our cow on the hind end and started. Brother Frank & family had come to Mich. a short time before & they went with us.

Our route was by Pontiac & Dexter. From Dexter south to Central Road, then to Jackson, Battle Creek & Kalamazoo. Father found the land just as the man had described it, 240 acres of oak openings like the Borden farm & 40 acres of good timber off on lower ground. When they looked up the records they found there was a brother John, part owner that lived in Vermont & he would not sell. So that fell through. We stayed in Kalamazoo through the summer.

Brother Daniel was in Ann Arbor & had looked around some & advised father to move to Dexter as he liked the country & land he thought could be bought at reasonable prices. So we packed up again and started for Dexter. Franklyn & family went with us. When we got to Dexter it was hard to find a house to rent. It was a busy little village. Then Father began to look for a farm & located in Webster township on an 80 acre farm owned by Rufus Gasden. There was an old frame house & a small barn & 25 Acres cleared land. All kinds of fruit. The price paid was 1200 dollars - $200 down & $200 to be paid yearly with int. This was in the fall of 1850. We got some potatoes, hay & team with the farm. That helped through the first winter.

The first thing that had to be done was to clear up more land. Got ten acres cleared and broke & put into wheat the first year. The first two years crops were very poor & prices low –

75 cents per bu for wheat – so we was able to pay only the int. The third year had got 20 acres more land cleared & into crops. Had 500 bu of wheat & wheat was bringing $1.00 per bu. so was able to pay better.

The old house was a low roof & not finished up stairs. The snow would blow in & it was pretty cold for us boys the first winter. In the spring father had a new gothic roof put on the house & three good bedrooms made so it was very comfortable.

Father did a lot of hard work the last ten years of his life from 1850 – 1860. Us boys of course helped. If Father & mother had stayed on the old farm in Maine would not have had to do all that hard work of clearing up a farm – but some of the family had already come west & the rest were bound to come so thought best to come with them. The first settlers of all new countries had to go through many hardships that the present generation don't realize what it was to clear off the trees & brush, dig out stumps & stones – split rails to build fences & do all work with ox teams. See the farmers today with tractors, hay loaders, mowing machines & binders. In old times was all done by hand labor (the world do move).

The little brick school house had to be finished in 1850 & the first teacher was Olive Litchfield & sister of DeForest. She was a fine woman & a good teacher. Our next teacher was Charles Allen from Mass. He said the world was flat, but us boys thought some of it was pretty hilly. He worked in a tannery in Mass summers & came west winters & taught school.

We had good neighbors. If any was sick we'd help take care of them. If they get behind with their work on account of sickness we would turn out & help put in their crops. I have sat up many nights with the sick & helped lay out the dead. A $5.00 cofin & a few cents to the minister paid the bill. Did not have undertakers & velvet lined cofins in those days.

Our neighbors were: Tobias Wygant, Rufus Brunch, Ovid Easton, Ken Clark, T. Laurence, Edward Litchfield, Masenia Cadwell, John Leslie O'Hurra, Steven Johnson, Saml Holmes, Luther Palmer. The children from these different families occupied all the seats in the school house. I was 12 years old & Frances J. Holmes was 6 years old. We all enjoyed our school days. When out of school sliding down hill, snowballing, skating. We made things lively around the little school house in those days.

When we did the plowing & breaking up the new land we had a double team yoke of oxen & span of horses. I drove the team, father or Daniel held the plough. Whenever I could get a day off I would go hunting. There was all kinds of wild game; turkies, rabbits, coons, ducks, quail & wild pigeons by the millions. I used to get some of every kind except the deer. I had an old flint lock shotgun. If I had a rifle I could have shot many deer. One big buck stayed in our wood lot all summer & used to feed on our crops. I used to catch woodchuck in a steel trap that a blacksmith made for me in Scio Village & have the trap now. Had a great many birds. I would watch them to see where they built their nests & the kinds of eggs they laid. Nighthawks, whippoorwills did not build any nests, they laid their eggs in a little hollow spot on the ground. Had red squirrels, black, grey & fox. The summer we lived in Kalamazoo when I went out after the cow I saw a large reddish squirrel & was told it had just come & did not know its name. In about three years they appeared in Webster & was called fox squirrel.

David Burton & family came to Mich in 1852 & bought a farm on the hill up the lane 80 rods west of our farm in Scio Township. The farm joined Mr. Holmes farm on the east. It had half house & barn & about 20 acres cleared. He lived there three or four years & then moved to Midland county about 40 miles from Saginaw. The winter before he & Alpheus had been up there to work in a lumber camp that was owned by Joseph & sons. He liked the country & bought 160 acres of new land. The next winter after they moved mother & I made them a visit. At that time brother Frank & Samuel were living in Saginaw. Joseph & Samuel had a saw mill & got their pine timber up the river near where Burton located & when we made that first visit Frank & wife went with us. From Saginaw one went up the river on the ice as that was the main

road in the winter to get back & forth from their lumber camp.

When we arrived we found them living in a log house surrounded by weeds. Could not see any other houses. Upstairs they had beds with curtains hung between. Brother Frank & I slept together & Frank Burton, Fred & Caroline slept in a bed just below us. In the morning they began to talk & Frank told Fred & Caroline to keep still – but kept talking. Frank says to them By G. I am mad now, shut your mouths. Everything was quiet after that.

When we went up from Saginaw we knew they could not have much to live on, so we took hay & grain for horses, a barrel of flour, sack of sugar, & lots of other stuff & had a very pleasant visit. They invited the neighbor boys & girls in for the evening & we had a little dance. We danced until David said it was time for the boys & girls to go home. David Burton had left a very comfortable home in Maine to come to Michigan to make a new home in the woods. But one thing it gave the younger a better opportunity to start in life. Mother & I went to see them several times & saw fine improvement on the farm & on the farms all around them. The land had been cleared up so could see several farm houses from their house. They had a good house & barns.

Capt Sprague went to Ill in 1854 & they stopped to see us on their way. I remember him saying when I was coming to them "I have held that boy on my knee many a time." His son Horatio had gone before so Mr & Mrs Sprague were going where he was near Gelett, [*Joliet*] Ill. On one of my western trips I stopped off at Gelett & went out to see them. The old folks were dead. The son & grandson were living on a farm & one thing they never had to clear up a farm as we had to in Mich as it was all cleared. No weeds, no stones, all they had to do was plough – but there was a good many good things we had that they did not have – wild geese, birds, nice clear streams of water & change of scenery. So if you gain in one way you lose in other ways.

(To be continued)

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The Persifer William Moyer Family Bible Record

This Holy Bible is located at the William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The library has kindly allowed the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County to copy and publish this family record.

The Holy Bible, Old and New Testaments, Apocrypha: Translated out of the Original Tongues, with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised.. Philadelphia: Kohler, I., [no date]

On a bookplate sticker to the left of the Title Page:
Presented to Persifer William Moyer by His Mother Dec. 25th, 1869

Births
Ella May Moyer, born September 25th 1879.
Edwin Franklin Moyer born January 21st 1884
William Albert Moyer, born August 21st 1887
Walter Reed Moyer, born May 27th 1896.
Anna Laura Moyer, born March 28, 1901.
Percifer William Moyer born May 15, 1853.
Anna Laura Moyer, born February 29, 1860.

Deaths
Edwin Franklin Moyer died April 22d 1885, aged 15 months
Walter Reed Moyer, died February 11, 1897.
Ella May Moyer, died October 5, 1896.

GSWC Bible Record Registry

WASHTENAW MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSESSMENT, 1891

Transcribed by Jane Nye

OFFICE OF THE
WASHTENAW MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
SECOND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

ANN ARBOR, Mich., August 31, 1891.

The Board of Directors have this day ordered an assessment of $1.50 on the $1,000 Capital Stock of the Company to meet its liabilities occasioned by the adjustment and payment of the following losses of members of the Company, for the year ending August 31, 1891, and expenses of the Company for the year:

Date of Adjustm't.	*Name.*	*Township.*	*Property Lost or Damaged.*	*Amount Allowed.*
1890.				
Nov. 6.	Sam'l & S. J. Seery	Lima	Damage to House by Lighting	$ 2 00
" 6.	Hiram Pierce	Sylvan	Straw Stack by Lightning	63 50
" 24.	Wm. T. and N. Tuttle	Lima	Barn and Contents by Fire	780 00
" 5.	Burr Ward	Lima	Farm Personal by Fire	111 10
" 24.	A. D. McIntyre	York	Farm Personal by Fire	23 33
" 24.	George E. Sanford	York	Barn and Contents by Fire	309 50
" 24.	John McMahon	Manchester	Damage to House by Fire	2 00
Dec. 30.	John M. Teufel	Ypsilanti	D'ge House and Contents by Fire	5 50
" 30.	Wm. &Wm. Jr. Blunk	Superior	" " " " " "	6 00
1891.				
March 28.	E. M. Rooke	Superior	Meat in Smoke House by Fire	16 00
" 28.	C. M. Lowe	Augusta	1 Sheep by Lightening	2 00
" 28.	C. M. Lowe	Augusta	D'ge House and Contents by Fire	20 00
" 28.	Chas. and F. Kellogg	Sylvan	" " " " " "	9 00
" 28.	Jas. Quigg	Webster	" " " " " "	10 00
" 28.	L. James Estate	Sharon	Stack of Straw by Fire	7 50
" 28.	A. H. Squires & Henion	Manchester	Damage to House by Fire	5 00
May 16.	Fuller Dexter	York	D'ge House and Contents by Fire	26 25
" 16.	R. C. & M. C. Whiting	Ann Arbor	" " " " " "	7 00
" 16.	Joseph Hopkins	Sylvan	" " " " " "	6 00
" 16.	B. G. Moorman	Ypsilanti	Barn and Contents by Fire	432 83
" 16.	B. D. Geer	"	Household Personal by Fire	24 97
July 24.	J. W. Wing & Son	Scio	Damage to Barn by Lightning	15 00
July 30.	Mary Rabbitt	Dexter	Meat in Smoke House by Fire	21 97
" 30.	Jas. Monaghan	Ypsilanti	Damage to Barn by Lightning	18 48
" 24.	W. J. Parker	Ann Arbor	Damage to House by Lightning	1 50
" 24.	P. and M. Duffy	Northfield	Horse by Fire	76 67
" 24.	James F. Smith	Sylvan	Farm Personal by Fire	50 50
" 24.	Mrs. M. O'Connor	Northfield	" " " "	145 34
" 24.	Mrs. Charlotte Millard	Ann Arbor	Damage House and Contents by Lightning	8 00
" 30.	Frank H. Sweetland	Sylvan	Barn and Contents by Fire	1,508 67
" 30.	J. T. Hallock	York	" " " " "	190 93
" 30.	F. A. Oversher	Northfield	D'ge to Granary by Lightning	2 00
" 30.	S. L. Clawson Estate	Superior	Damage to Barn by Lightning	4 66
Total Paid				$3,918 20

The following losses have been adjusted but not paid; provision for the payment of which is made in this assessment.

Date of Adjustm't.	*Name.*	*Township.*	*Property Lost or Damaged.*	*Amount Allowed.*
1891.				
Aug. 31.	F. C. Crittenden	Pittsfield	Hay in Barracks by Lightning	$ 100 00
" 31.	Jas. Vanatta	Salem	Barn and Contents by Fire	123 54
" 31.	Myron Beadle	Dexter	Sheep Killed by Lightning	6 66
" 31.	Simon Winslow	Lima	Barn and Contents by Lightning	980 52
" 31.	Andrew Campbell	Pittsfield	Barn and Contents by Fire	2400 00
To Interest on Borrowed Money				50 00
To Company Expenses, one year				650 00
	Total Down, Paid and to be Paid			$8,228 92

The numerous and somewhat heavy losses of July and August [many of which were by lightning] have caused your directors to make a much larger assessment than what they had hoped it would be early in the season. [*Ed. Note: words in prior brackets are as written in the original, including brackets*]

But it is so much less than what it was last year, that we can all rejoice. By the prompt and judicious action of the insured many fires have been extinguished with but slight loss, that otherwise would have proved very disastrous to the Company and to the insured.

This Assessment must be paid on or before November 5th, 1891, or your insurance will cease.

Assessments made in red ink, show different rates as the insurance has been taken, increased, or reduced during the year. [*Ed. Note: The original document contains no red ink.*]

Payments must be made in the Secretary's Office, in Court House, in Ann Arbor; to G. B. Mason, Saline; P. C. Sherwood, Ypsilanti; Charles S. Gregory, Dexter; George P. Glazier, Chelsea; W. H. Easterly, Milan; George C. Raymond, Sharon; S. D. Chapin, Salem; John Kensler, Manchester; or E. M. Childs, Augusta; within the prescribed time, or your policy will be void as against this Company, and the provisions of By-Law No. 11 will be enforced. In all Cases bring your Circulars and have them Receipted, which the above named receivers are authorized to do to November 5th, 1891, and no longer.

We urge upon you the prompt payment of this assessment, to the end that we may avoid paying interest longer than is necessary.

Capital Stock August 31st, 1891, $4,779,120.00.

Number of members August 31st, 1891, 2,434.

Annual meeting the second Wednesday in January next. Let all who can, attend this meeting. The lady members are invited.

Issued in accordance with the law and by direction of the Board of Directors.

JOHN F. SPAFORD,
ANDREW T. HUGHES,
EMORY E. LELAND, *Directors*
WM. E. STOCKING,
WM. CAMPBELL,
WM. K. CHILDS,
WM. K. CHILDS, Secretary.

Ed. Note: The above document was obtained from the William Campbell estate sale and donated to the GSWC Library by Earnest E. Griffin.

ROSTER, COMPANY I, THIRTY-FIRST MICHIGAN INFANTRY FROM ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, 1917

Contributed by David Brough, Dexter, Michigan

Company I, Thirty-first Michigan Volunteer Infantry from Ann Arbor, Michigan, was mobilized into the United States Army on August 5, 1917. The Army reorganized and merged Company I into Company E, 126th Infantry, Thirty-second "Red Arrow" Division. They arrived in France on March 4, 1918 after training in Waco, Texas. While in France, they saw action in Alsace, at Château-Thierry, and in the Meuse-Argonne. They returned to the United States in Apri1 1919 after serving in the army of occupation. In all, 113 soldiers of Ann Arbor's Company I served in France. During the fighting, 51 soldiers were wounded and nine soldiers were killed in action. Following the armistice, 34 soldiers remained in Germany and served in the occupation.

This roster is from the back of a company photograph taken in 1917 by Randall Studio, Ann Arbor. The photograph came from the estate of Sgt. William Pommerening, who lived on Broadway Street, Ann Arbor. The photograph and roster are in the possession of the contributor.

KEY:

A – Discharged from Company I at Ann Arbor, Michigan, for various reasons.
D – Discharged for disabilities from Company E at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas in 1917.
F – Service in France with Company E.
G – With troops of occupation in Germany in Company E.
K – Killed in battle in France.
T – Transferred to units other than Company E.
W – Wounded in action.

Captain Arthur Volland, F, T
1st Lt. Jos. L. Bachus, F, T
2nd Lt. Clark Potter, F, W 8-8-1918
1st Sgt. Thurlow Grey, F, T
Sgt. Ernest Allmendinger, A, T
Sgt. Iden Chatterton, F, K 10-6-1918
Sgt, Merle M. Goodell, T
Sgt. Gus. Hahn, F, T
Sgt. Ernest Keebler, F, W 8-1-1918
Sgt. Wm. Pommerening, F, G, W 8-4-1918
Sgt. Patrick Walsh, F, G
Bugler, H. H. Slear, T
Earl Allmand, F, T
Angelo Aravanis, F
W. Balfanz, A, T
W. Bancroft, F, T
Lester Barnett, F, T
Harold Barth, F, G, W 8-4-1918
Robt. Bartlett, F, T
Wm. Bay, F, G, W 10-1-1918
Herman Becker, F, G, W 8-2-1918
Harold Berry, F, W 10-4-1918
Frank Bevier, F, G
John Bevier, F, W 10-9-1918
Chas. Bischoff, A, T
H. Blackburn, A, T
Arthur Blackhaller, F, G, W 7-14-1918
Oscar Brenner, A, T
Earl Brodock, D
Lewis Brokaw, F, T
Geo. Bross, F, T
Albert Bucholz, F, G
C. Byerly, F, W 8-28-1918
Edw. Chapman, F, T
Wilbur Chapman, F, K 8-28-1918
Fred Clark, F, T
Raymond Cloonin, F, W 8-2-1918
C. Coleman, A, T
Kins Collins, F, T
Geo. Corey, F, G, W 8-4-1918
Roy Court, A, T
Rudolph Cousino, F, W 8-28-1918
Royce Covert, F, G
Robt. Crocker, F, T
Jay Dean, F, T.
Dominic DiMattia, F, T
Jos. V. Donahue, F, T
Gilbert Donnelly, F, G

John Egidio, F, K 8-29-1918
Walter Eibler, F, W 8-29-1918
Geo. Enkeman, F, G, T
Wm. Enkeman, D
Norman Finnie, F
G. Fish, D
B. Fredricksen, F, T
Wm. Gagalis, F, W 8-29-1918
J. Gammachia, F, T
Herald Gardinier, F, K 10-14-1918
Clarence Gauss, F, G
Ernest Graf, F, K 10-4-1918
Karl Hafner, F, W 10-16-1918
A. Hale, A, T
Fred Harrison, F, G
E. Hein, D
John Hession, F, G
A. Hoffman, A, T
Harold Hood, F, G, W 8-1-1918
Roy Howard, F, W 10-4-1918
Chas. Huber, A, T
K. Hunt, A, T
Marvin Icks, F, W 10-9-1918
John Katapodis, F, K 8-4-1918
Albert Keast, F, G
Wm. Keast, F
Wm. Keedle, F, T
Dalles Kendall, F, G, W 10-9-1918
K. Kerwell, A, T
Arthur Kinney, F, W 8-28-1918
A. Knapp, F, T
Ernest Kranich, F, W 8-1-1918
C. Kreger, A
David Kummer, D
Norman Kuster, F, W 8-29-1918
Louis Lageres, F, K 8-1-1918
L. H. Lau, F, W 8-28-1918
H. Lohrke, D
Frank Markey, F, W 6-1, 10-9-1918
Jerome Markey, F, G, W8-4-1918
H. Marquardt, A, T
John Marz, F, W 8-1-1918
K. Maxon, F, T
Percy McDermott, F, W 8-29-1918
Archie McKinley, F, W 8-28-1918
John McMahon, F, T
Karl Mohrhardt, F, T, W 8-1-1918
Clarence Murray, F, G, W 8-1-1918
Geo. Naylor, A, T
Julius Nimke, D
Julius Nimz, F, T, G
K. Norris, D
John O'Hara, F, W 10-1-1918
Chas. O'Neil, F, G
Harry O'Neil, F, T
Michael O'Neil, F, W 8-30-1918
Patrick O'Neil, F, G, W 8-4-1918
J. O'Reilly, A, T
Rudolph Otto, F, W 8-4-1918
Ray Perkins, F, T
Alfred Pfrommer, F, G, W 8-4-1918
R. Pooler, A, T
Erwin Prieskorn, F, K 8-29-1918
Orren Quinn, F, G, W 8-4-1918
Loren Reeves, F, W 8-4-1918
Clare Rorabacher, F, K 10-9-1918
Harris Russell, F, G, W 8-4-1918
M. H. Saur, A, T
Clarence Schaller, F, G, T
Emil Schlenker, F, W 8-2-1918
Ernest Schmidt, F, G, W 10-1-1918
Edw. Schneider, F, W 10-9-1918
A. Schofield, F, G, T
Lorenzo Secor, F, W 8-28-1918
Chas. Sherman, F, W8-1-1918
F. Shields, D
Alfred Shiplock, F, G
C. A. Slear, F, T
Jos. Snay, F, G, W 8-1-1918
Wm. Squires, F, W 8-29-1918
Edwin Stahl, F, G, W 8-4-1918
Clarence Stipe, F, W 7-29-1918
Floyd Stoeckle, F, T
Ross Stofflet, F, W 8-3, 10-9-1918
Carl H. Sweet, F, T
Elliott Taylor, F, T
L. Thomas, F, T
Orren Thompson, F, T, W 8-1-1918
Leroy Thurber, F, G
G. VanPelt, A, T
Clarence Walker, F, W 8-1-1918
G. Wagoner, A, T
Wm. Waidner, A, T
Richard Ward, F, W 8-2-1918
Lawrence Weinmann, F, G
Geo. Welker, F, G, T
Max Williams, A, T
Harry Wilson, F, G
Sol. Wolf, F, T
John Youngbauer, F, G

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1925–1926
MANCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Trusteee: W. J. Hoffer
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Ruth B. Gamble, Life	Kindergarten
Emma Schaffer, Second	Primary
Nellie Ackerson, Limited	Primary

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DEATH OF NELLIE MONROE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, 1888

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, of Nellie A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M. Monroe, at the home of her parents in this city, of quick consumption, aged 19 years, after an illness of eight weeks. Just eight weeks previous to her death she attended church and Sunday school and the following day was taken sick, never again to see the beloved place. She was born in Saline, Feb. 18, 1869, and was a grand-daughter of Roswell Waterman, Esq., of this city. She had been an ambitious student, a member of the High School junior class, and her parents think that to her extreme studiousness and anxiety over her studies is due the hastening of the fatal disease. The funeral services were held Tuesday, at the house at 1:30 p.m., and at the M. E. church at 2 o'clock p.m., Rev. Dr. Ramsay officiating. The parents who sorrow over the departure of their loved one, have the deep sympathy of many friends in their affliction.

The floral contributions were numerous and beautiful, as follows:

Gates Ajar, by the junior class of the High School, with the word "Rest" at the base; a basket of flowers from the High School teachers; bunches of calla lillies from her Sunday school class and from D. S. Monroe and family of Detroit; Miss R. Miley, Miss Ida Shaw and Miss Benjamin, Saline; Misses Ida and Nettie Gregg, Ann Arbor; flowers by N W. Cheever and family and Miss Mary Schneider. Golden Rule Lodge contributed a beautiful anchor of flowers, and Washtenaw Chapter a fine wreath.

The pall bearers were selected from her class, and consisted of Henry Walker, Harry Randall, George Dygert, Charles Bates, Elmer Beal and Edward Butts.

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OBITUARY OF MRS. NANCY A. SHOUT, SALINE, MICHIGAN, 1909

Mrs. Nancy A. Shout, whose death occurred September 10, was born in 1829 in Onondago county, New York, and was one of a family of eleven children. At eighteen years of age she was married, and after a couple of years, accompanied by her husband, they moved to Canada and later to Michigan. Most of her life was spent in Toledo and Jackson. Her husband died twenty-five years ago and she was buried by his side in Jackson. In 1900 she moved to Saginaw where she was baptized and united with the Presbyterian church of that city. It had long been her desire to confess her Lord in baptism and she had often expressed her joy that it had been done. She made and kept her friends by her loving optimistic spirit, and her life was one of willing service to others. She always saw the best side of her friends and was never suspicious of them or looking out for slights or neglects and she exercised the charity that thinketh no evil. For the past two years she had been subject to sudden and serious attacks of illness, the last of which of two weeks duration terminated her life. She leaves an aged sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Merritt of Buffalo, and a brother Geo. H. Martin of Detroit. For the past year, together with her niece Miss Olive Martin who was also an adopted daughter, she had made her home with her niece Mrs. G. W. Shaw, coming there from Los Angeles, California, where she resided over two years. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. H. M. Morey officiating. A. F. Clark and daughter Eda furnished music. The remains were taken to Jackson Monday for interment, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and Miss Olive Martin.

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CORRECTION

Please correct a marriage date in the David Dean Family Bible Record published Vol. 21, No. 1, page 5 (Summer 1997) to read: David D. Story and Margaret S. Dean were married at Claremont, Apr. 20th, 1843. Thank you to the GSWC member who reported the published record error.

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IN MEMORIAM

JEANNE BAILEY RANSOM

4 JULY 1920–27 JUNE 2011

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IN MEMORIAM

ANNE (KOSTRICK) HOLLAND

11 JULY 1913–8 AUGUST 2011

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IN MEMORIAM

FRANK H. FREEMAN

28 APRIL 1914–18 AUGUST 2011

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QUERIES AND REQUESTS

NICKOLS
ROOT
SCHAEFER

Charles W. Root b. Williamson, NY, ca. 1806 marr. Washt Co., MI, 19 Apr. 1835 Paulina Nickols. Known ch: Mary Ann; Charles; Eliza Jane. Unable to find him after 1835. Would appreciate any leads.

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BOGARDUS
HARTERT
SCRAMLING
YOUNG

Peter Bogardus b. NY, probably Cayuga Co., ca. 1804–07, d. Pittsfield Twp, Washt Co. MI, 1850. He is found in Washt Co. in the 1840 census. Three of his sons, Hamilton, Perry and Peter, served for the Union in the Civil War. Another Peter Bogardus was in the same county and remained there. Peter's eldest son, William Henry Bogardus, my grandfather, marr. Amelia Young, d/o Henry Young (b. NJ and in War of 1812) & Mary Scramling of Honeoye Falls, Monroe Co., NY. Henry and Mary came to Pittsfield Twp very early. They are mentioned in the 1881 *History of Washtenaw Co*. Sk to connect Peter to the Bogardus line of 1633. Will appreciate any help.

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